(Rs. per quintal)

S. No.	Commodity	Variety	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
9.	Urad		960	1105	1200
10.	Masur (lentil)		—	—	1200
11.	Sugarcane@		52.70	56.10	59.50
12.	Cotton	F-414/H-777	1440++	1575++	1625++
		H-4	1650	1775	1825
13.	Groundnut-in-shell		1040	1155	1220
14.	Jute		650	750	785
15.	Rapeseed/ Mustard		1000	1100	1200
16.	Sunflower Seed		1060	1155	1170
17.	Soybean	Black	705	755	775
		Yellow	795	845	865
18.	Safflower		990	1100	1200
19.	Toria		965	1065	1165
20.	Tobacco (VFC)	Black Soil	22.50	25.00	26.00
	(Rs. per kg.)	(F2 Gr)	25.50	27.00	28.00
		Light Soil (L2 Gr)			
21.	Copra	Milling	2900	3100	3250
	(Calender Year)	Ball	3125	3325	3500
22.	Sesamum		1060	1205	1300
23.	Nigerseed		850	915	1025

@Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.
++For J-34 variety also.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Deemed University status for IIIT, Hyderabad

*296. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received in the Ministry from the Andhra Pradesh Government requesting to accord deemed university status to the Indian Institute of Information Technology at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, when such a request was received; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry on that request?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) A proposal for granting Deemed to be University status to IIIT, Hyderabad was received on 4th April, 2000 from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Declaration of institution as Deemed University is a statutory process for which several conditions have to be met. The proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

Cultivation of maize in U.P.

†*297. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is ample scope for cultivation of maize in Uttar Pradesh and proposal for one crore rupees Central assistance has been submitted by the State Government for development of maize crops in Bulandshahar, Deoria, Behraich and Lalitpur; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Central Government so far to increase the yield of maize?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There is ample scope for cultivation of maize in the country including Uttar Pradesh. The proposal for an amount of Rs. 99,29,625/- was received during 1998-99 from the State Government of U.P. (Dte. of Agriculture) for development of maize crop in Bulandshahar, Deoria, Behraich and Lalitpur district under Sub-programme on Maize-based Cropping System for Food Security in India as a part of GOI-UNDP Food Security Programme.

(b) Keeping in view the potential of maize in the State, an amount of Rs. 1,11,78,766/- has been earmarked for U.P. for a period of four years beginning from 1999-2000 for the implementation of the Sub-

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.